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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: KOSOVO KOMBINAT PLANS FOR THERMO
POWER PLANTS

REF: A. STATE 164788 B. STATE 142050 C. STATE 175753

1. IN REPLY TO REFTELS, EMBASSY HAS MADE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT OFFICIALS AT KOSOVO KOMBINAT RESPONSIBLE FOR THERMO POWER PLANT DEVELOPMENT TO OBTAIN UPDATE ON 600 MW AND 4200 MW POWER PROJECTS. OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, HAVE EITHER BEEN ON VACATION OR OUT OF THE OFFICE WHEN WE CALLED AND HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO OUR REQUESTS, BOTH BY TELEX AND TELEPHONE, TO GET IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER. KOMBINAT IS LOCATED TOO FAR FROM BELGRADE TO MAKE A PERSONAL CALL.

2. ON JULY 11 EMBASSY ECON/COMMERCIAL DISCUSSED THESE PROJECTS WITH BROWN AND ROOT REPRESENTATIVE MELVIN TANGISH WHO CALLED FROM LONDON. AFTER REVIEWING AVAILABLE INFORMATION, TANGISH CONCLUDED THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE ONLY A SLIGHT CHANCE THAT BROWN AND ROOT WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO PARTICIPATE IN EITHER PROJECT SINCE YUGOSLAVS DO NOT NORMALLY ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF FOREIGN ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR SMALLER POWER PLANTS (I.E. UP TO 600 MW) AND WILL LIKELY CONTRACT WITH AN ENGINEERING FIRM FROM ONE OF THE WEST EUROPEAN
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COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE POWER SHARING ARRANGEMENT FOR THE LARGE COMPLEX.

3. EMBASSY REGRETS INCONVENIENCE WHICH THIS DELAYED RESPONSE MAY HAVE CAUSED BUT WAS EXPECTING TO HEAR FROM KOSOVO KOMBINAT DAY-BY-DAY AND, AFTER TANGISH CALLED, ASSUMED THAT BROWN AND ROOT OFFICES IN THE U.S. HAD BEEN APPRISED OF SITUATION.

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